

# **City of Seattle**

## **Prosecution Plan**

Goal 1: Assure that prosecution serves to balance the best interest of victims and their children with the community's interest in consistently treating domestic violence as a serious crime

Objectives	Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones	Intermediate Measures	Resources
Foster relationship between Criminal Justice based and Community based advocates to facilitate responsiveness to victim's needs regardless of prosecution.	<ol> <li>Convene a Criminal         Justice/Community based advocacy         roundtable discussion to determine         how the two systems work to support         victims regardless of whether         prosecution occurs</li> <li>Develop and adopt an agreement on         roles.</li> <li>Determine protocol for assuring that         victims' needs are met.</li> <li>Link with Advocacy and Victim         Services plan component</li> </ol>	Lead: KCCADV/ SCADVU Begin June 2005-ongoing.	Roundtable proceedings Inter-local or interagency agreements Protocol	Funding for KCCADV*
Increase coordination with police to support investigation and follow-up when prosecution serves the best interest of victims.	Convene a SCADVU/SPD forum to determine the best strategy to increase coordination, investigation and follow up procedure     Pilot strategy     Evaluate strategy     Evaluate "collaboration meetings" to determine if they are meeting determined needs  Expected Outcome	Lead: SCADVU and SPD 2005	Forum Implementation plan Evaluation report, including continued reporting of data on referrals, filings, and outcomes – distinguishing in-custody, from out-of- custody cases.	

### Expected Outcomes

- 1. Needs of victims are addressed whether or not prosecution occurs
- 2. Victim needs are taken into consideration in prosecution decisions
- 3. Roles of advocates in Criminal Justice system and community are clarified
- 4. Outcomes in Advocacy and Services plan segment are incorporated here by reference
- 5. Improved coordination between prosecution and police with respect to investigations occurs

\*New Resource



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#### **Prosecution Plan** Goal 2: Seek prosecution outcomes that promote victim and community safety and that hold batterers accountable **Objectives Procedural Steps** Responsible Intermediate Resources Parties/ Measures **Milestones** 1. Implement High Risk Offender (HRO) 1. Determine the scope of HRO pilot Set of protocols Lead: Funding for 2. Implement HRO pilot project **SCADVU** HRO\* program 3. Evaluate HRO pilot **Evaluation Report** 4. Explore expansion of the pilot 2005 including impact Training on case outcomes Budget and impact on victim and community safety 2. Standardize sanction Increase coordination with Lead: PCS Probation Department on Division recommendations for original New or updated guidelines sentences and reviews sanctions identified staff 2. Review current sentencing recommendation guidelines **End December** 3. Identify appropriate guidelines 2005 4. Sentencing recommendation workgroup formalize guidelines Lead: for approval by the City Attorney SCADVU staff 5. Review current review-sanction auidelines **End December** 6. Identify appropriate review-2005 sanction guidelines 7. SCADVU members formalize guidelines for approval by the City

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## Goal 2: Seek prosecution outcomes that promote victim and community safety and that hold batterers accountable

Objectives	Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones	Intermediate Measures	Resources
In cooperation with City partners, implement prosecution efforts to remove firearms from batterers.	Link with Firearms plan component	Lead: SPD,SCADVU, SMC June 2005 – April 2006	See measures under Firearms	
4. Design and implement a training program in partnership with others that supports the prosecution goals and philosophy of the City Attorney's Office.	<ol> <li>Assess how current training practices support prosecution goals and philosophy</li> <li>Develop a training plan</li> <li>Implement the training plan</li> </ol>	Lead: SCADVU and other identified PCS staff/other community partners May 2005 – May 2006	<ul> <li>Evaluation of current training practices</li> <li>Training plan, which include identification of training resources identified</li> </ul>	

### **Expected Outcomes**

- 1. Increased successful prosecution of high risk batterers
- 2. Improved victim safety
- 3. Improved community safety
- 4. Sanctions more commensurate with crime and conduct
- 5. More firearms lawfully removed from the hands of batterers
- 6. Firearm related violence reduced
- 7. Trained City Attorney staff targeted to supporting prosecution goals and philosophy.